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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

1.-20. (Canceled)

- 21. (Previously Presented) A biologically pure fungal isolate having all the identifying characteristics of *Talaromyces sp.* B-422 strain having the accession number FERM BP-08516, deposited under the Budapest Treaty.
- 22. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising an active culture of the isolate of claim 21 and a solid or liquid carrier.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 22 which comprises an effective amount of said isolate sufficient for controlling diseases caused by *Gibberella fujikuroi* and *Burkholderia plantarii*.
- 24. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 22 further comprising an insecticide, a nematicide, a miticide, a herbicide, or a plant growth stimulator or a synergist.
- 25. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling diseases caused by *Gibberella fujikuroi* and *Burkholderia plantarii*, comprising applying an effective amount of the *Talaromyces* strain according to claim 21 as an active fungus.

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- 26. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling diseases caused by Gibberella fujikuroi and Burkholderia plantarii, wherein a gramineous plant, a gramineous plant seed, a soil for raising seedling of a gramineous plant, a rock wool for raising seedling of a gramineous plant, and/or a nursery box for raising seedling of a gramineous plant are treated with the Talaromyces strain according to claim 21.
 - 27. (Withdrawn) A Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.
- 28. (Withdrawn) A Gramineous plant seed treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.
- 29. (Withdrawn) A soil for raising seedling of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.
- 30. (Withdrawn) A rock wool for raising seedling of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.
- 31. (Withdrawn) A nursery box for raising seedling of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.